REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed March 24, 2006.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to the information disclosure statement, filed January 30, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) because a legible copy of the non-patent literature cited therein was not submitted. A legible copy of the non-patent literature has been included with this amendment. Applicant respectfully submits that the information disclosure statement is now in position for full acceptance.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 8-10 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,688,264 to Ren, et al. The Examiner also rejected claims 1-10 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,413,245 to Yaacobi, et al. Claims 1-10 are canceled above without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the Official Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 11 and 12 were allowed. Applicant respectfully submits that this case is now in position for full allowance.

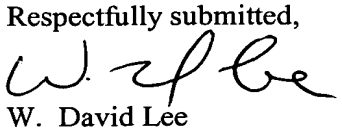
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fee amounts required or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Amendment to **Deposit Account No. 501051 of Alcon, Inc.:**

1) The fee amount of $120.00 for the Petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month, from June 24, 2006 to July 24, 2006, to respond to the Official Action, which is being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other amount required for the filing of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 501051 of Alcon, Inc.**

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number listed below.

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